IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TABLEWARE-WASHING PROCESS INCLUDING A BIOCIDE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the communication mailed June 12, 2009, the period of response being extended from September 12, 2009 to December 12, 2009.

The amount of \$555 to cover the required extension fee for a small entity is being paid by credit card.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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